

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Alleghany County, Virginia held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Alleghany County Governmental Complex, Covington, Virginia, thereof:

PRESENT: G. Matt Garten, Chairman
James M. Griffith, Vice-Chairman
Stephen A. Bennett
Shannon P. Cox
Gregory A. Dodd
Ronald S. Goings
Cletus W. Nicely

and Suzanne T. Adcock, Director of Finance
Melissa A. Munsey, Deputy Clerk to the Board

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chairman called the adjourned meeting to order.

APPOINTMENT OF MR. GERALD FRANSON, MR. JOHN LITTLETON, MS. DANIELLE MORGAN, AND MR. JACOB WRIGHT TO THE ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS SCHOOL BOARD:

Mr. Garten stated that the Board needs to consider four appointments to the Alleghany Highlands School Board. The four appointments would be at-large for staggered one, two, three, and four year terms beginning July 1, 2022. He mentioned that there were 10 individuals interested in the appointment. He commented that Mrs. Munsey will call roll and each Board member will state the four individuals that they would like to appoint and once the four are selected then there will be a random drawing for the one, two, three, and four year terms. He thanked all for applying and commented that it will not be an easy choice as all were qualified and dedicated.

Mr. Bennett stated that he appreciates all 10 applying and it shows the importance of schools. He mentioned that it has been a long two years for individuals that worked on the consolidation agreement and the main thing is to put it in action. He commented that he will vote for individuals for continuity and will choose based upon seniority.

Mrs. Cox thanked everyone for applying and commented that we had wonderful candidates. She stated that citizens have reached out to her and most were on the same page. She commented that it came down to a couple of choices and one of the candidates reached out to her to see if she had any further questions which means a lot.

Mr. Dodd stated that this is the biggest decision he has had to make while on the Board. He thanked all that applied and mentioned that one of the candidates also contacted him to see if he had any more questions.

Dr. Goings commented that the selection of a School Board is extremely important as they have the ability to shape the future and affect every child during their term of office.

Mr. Griffith thanked every candidate and commented that all are eligible. He stated that he served on the consolidation committee and it has been a long journey.

Mr. Garten asked Mrs. Munsey to do a roll call vote with Board members stating the name of the four individuals they wish to be appointed to the Alleghany Highlands School Board.

Roll Call

Names Chosen

Stephen A. Bennett	Mr. Franson, Mr. Littleton, Ms. Morgan, and Mr. Wright
Shannon P. Cox	Mr. Franson, Mr. Littleton, Mr. Shull, and Mr. Wright
Gregory A. Dodd	Ms. Morgan, Mr. Shull, Mr. Tucker, and Mr. Umstead
Ronald S. Goings	Mr. Duff, Ms. Morgan, Mr. Tucker, and Mr. Umstead
Cletus W. Nicely	Mr. Butler, Mr. Shull, Mr. Tucker, and Mr. Umstead
James M. Griffith	Mr. Franson, Mr. Littleton, Mr. Shull, and Mr. Wright
G. Matt Garten	Mr. Franson, Mr. Littleton, Ms. Morgan, and Mr. Wright

As there were five individuals with a majority of four votes (Mr. Franson, Mr. Littleton, Ms. Morgan, Mr. Shull, and Mr. Wright), after consultation with legal counsel Mr. Garten asked Mrs. Munsey to do another roll call vote and for the Board to state the name of the four individuals of the five that they wish to be appointed to the Alleghany Highlands School Board.

Roll Call

Names Chosen

Stephen A. Bennett	Mr. Franson, Mr. Littleton, Ms. Morgan, and Mr. Wright
Shannon P. Cox	Mr. Franson, Mr. Littleton, Mr. Shull, and Mr. Wright
Gregory A. Dodd	Mr. Franson, Mr. Littleton, Ms. Morgan, and Mr. Shull
Ronald S. Goings	Ms. Morgan
Cletus W. Nicely	Mr. Franson, Mr. Littleton, Ms. Morgan, and Mr. Shull
James M. Griffith	Mr. Franson, Mr. Littleton, Mr. Shull, and Mr. Wright
G. Matt Garten	Mr. Franson, Mr. Littleton, Ms. Morgan, and Mr. Wright

Two individuals (Mr. Franson and Mr. Littleton) had six votes, one individual (Ms. Morgan) had five votes, and two individuals had four votes (Mr. Shull and Mr. Wright). Mr. Garten stated that the Board will need to do another roll call vote to choose between the two individuals that had four votes (Mr. Shull and Mr. Wright).

Roll Call

Name Chosen

Stephen A. Bennett	Mr. Shull
Shannon P. Cox	Mr. Wright
Gregory A. Dodd	Mr. Shull
Ronald S. Goings	Mr. Wright
Cletus W. Nicely	Mr. Shull
James M. Griffith	Mr. Wright
G. Matt Garten	Mr. Wright

Mrs. Munsey stated that Mr. Wright had four votes and Mr. Shull had three votes.

Mr. Garten had a bag with four pieces of paper in it to draw for the one, two, three, and four year terms. He had Mr. Griffith pull the numbers out of the bag for the four individuals with the most votes (Mr. Franson, Mr. Littleton, Ms. Morgan, and Mr. Wright).

Mrs. Munsey read the names and terms drawn of the four individuals to be appointed to the Alleghany Highlands School Board:

Mr. Gerald Franson	3 year term
Mr. John Littleton	1 year term
Ms. Danielle Morgan	4 year term
Mr. Jacob Wright	2 year term

On motion of Mr. Bennett, seconded by Dr. Goings, that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, all terms on the current Alleghany County School Board expire on June 30, 2022 due to the creation of the new Alleghany Highlands School System effective July 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was advertised and resumes solicited for four appointments that would be at-large in the County for staggered one, two, three, and four year terms beginning July 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 and resumes were received from John Butler, Michael Duff, Gerald Franson, Patrice Jefferson, John Littleton, Danielle Morgan, Richard Shull, Robert Tucker, Robert Umstead, and Jacob Wright;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors that the following individuals be appointed to the Alleghany Highlands School Board for terms as indicated below:

- John B. Littleton, 300 Edgehill Road, Hot Springs, VA 24445
(1-year term beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023)
- Jacob Lacy Wright, 3730 Llama Drive, Covington, VA 24426
(2-year term beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2024)
- Gerald E. Franson, 9001 Dunlap Creek Road, Covington, VA 24426
(3-year term beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2025)
- Danielle I. Morgan, 1314 Forester Road, Clifton Forge, VA 24422
(4-year term beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2026)

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett Yes

Shannon P. Cox	Yes
Gregory A. Dodd	Yes
Ronald S. Goings	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

Mr. Garten stated that as each term expires future terms will be for four years.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Mr. Nicely, seconded by Mr. Dodd, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.

G. Matt Garten
Chairman